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Hampstead Depot Development Hearing Draws Concerned Crowd

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Monday evening was a case of déjà vu, as the Planning Board hearing was packed with unhappy abutters to the proposed Depot Development plan, officially put on the table for the second time in 10 years.

Almost 10 years ago, a Rockingham County Superior Court decision upheld the Planning Board decision to deny a site plan for a multi-purpose commercial development on the corner of Derry Road and Main Street. That same plan with a few minor changes is back before the board again.

The Planning Board, after a year of hearings, voted 3-2 on June 3, 2002 not to approve a site plan proposed by Richie Towne and Bruce Worthen for a 6,400-

square-foot commercial development that included eight gas pumps under a canopy, a two-story structure that would house both offices and retail outlets, and a Dunkin' Donuts with a drive through.

Today's plan is for a single-story building, but nothing else is significantly different, other than the architecture of the building.

The proposed site plan would be scaled down to 4,800 square feet but remains a multi-use commercial development that would include a 2,400-square-foot convenience store with a gas station; a 1,200-square-foot restaurant with drive through; and a 1,200-square-foot unspecified retail space.

The location is zoned for commercial development but the 4-acre parcel is surrounded by residential dwellings, as well as resi-

dences across both Main Street and Hampstead Road.

Ten years ago the board based its decision to deny on four points:

- The proposed structures were too large and did not conform to area structures.

- The nature of the business would overpower the area's residential character.

- The proposed site development would diminish surrounding property values.

- The scale and scope of the proposal would have detrimental effects on abutters, the neighborhood and the Town environment.

The developers claimed the Planning Board decision was unreasonable and unlawful and took the case to court. The Court found the board and many resident complaints had identified

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No Decision on Fence for LeClair's Junkyard

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – To erect a fence or not to erect a fence? It's a question that has been making the rounds of the board of selectmen meetings but not the bounds of LeClair's Junkyard on Fremont Road, where the board planned to put up a chain link fence.

Estimates about the price and usefulness of a 4-foot vs. an 8-foot fence have been the subject of many meetings' debate, and on Thursday, July 12, the issue flared up again when fire chief Rich Antoine asked what was being done on the site.

The town recently awarded a contract to Jay-Mor Wrecking Co. for \$28,800 to clean up all of the solid waste

on the long-contaminated site. That job has been completed, the buildings have been boarded up and the old wooden fence has been removed.

Since that fence has come down, people have been driving out on the site with trucks and all-terrain vehicles, said Antoine. He wondered why the selectmen haven't erected the fence.

"It's the best I've ever seen it," said Antoine about the property. "But they're racing four wheelers and dirt bikes out there. We removed a fence that kept people out. Are we following through with that?"

Concerns about damage by trespassers to monitoring well heads was noted by selectmen.

At one point the board planned to have Jay-Mor put up a fence, and on a suggestion by selectman Mike Weider, had the company make an addendum to its bid to include the fence. Initial estimates put the cost of a 300-foot-long, 4-foot-high chain link fence at \$4,000.

During a discussion last August, Weider suggested fencing the property but at the July 12 meeting, he was very much against it. Following a discussion in August about how much money the town has spent to try and clean up the place, Weider suggested the property be fenced to prevent any further contamination and to let the property sit as is until the town could recover some of

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FUN IN THE SUN Samantha Kennett shows off her skills at limbo on Friday morning at the Chester Recreation Summer Camp Program. Participants in the morning and afternoon groups have plenty of activities to choose from each day as the program moves toward the middle of the hot summer months. See more photos on page 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown Selectmen Approve Conservation Land Purchase

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN - Sandown's community-owned property will soon expand, thanks to the work of the conservation commission. On Monday, July 16, the board of selectmen approved the group's purchase of 18 acres in the vicinity of Cranberry Meadow Road.

The commission has

been looking at the property for years, and said it fits well into the town's portfolio of conservation land. It abuts the Sandown Town Forest and another piece of conserved land near the center of town, a portion of which is used for the community garden.

The main parking lot for the Town Forest is located north along Fremont Road from Cranberry Meadow.

Conservation commission member Mark Traeger told the selectmen that the land was chosen to maximize the benefits of town property.

A long held goal of the commission is to expand the green, undeveloped corridor. While the commission is often approached by landowners with an interest in selling their land to the

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New Milfoil Infestations Trigger Warning to Lake and Pond Residents

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

The state Department of Environmental Services (DES) has issued a warning to all lake and pond residents to pay close attention to exotic weed infestations.

DES has documented two new infestations of variable milfoil, an exotic aquatic plant, within a week. Both infestations were well-established when discovered, and appear to have been present for at least two or three years before being reported. Those infestations are at Otter Lake in Greenfield and Naticook Lake in

Merrimack.

Programs such as Weed Watchers and Lake Hosts can prevent this from happening, officials said. At Beaver Lake in Derry, Weed Watchers routinely kayak around the lakeshore looking for any new or suspicious weeds. And the Lake Host program at Beaver Lake is staffed by two paid persons, as well as a group of volunteers, all of whom inspect boats, trailers and boat motors that are put into the lake at the boat launch seven days a week.

According to the DES report, freshwater exotic aquatic plants are defined as

those not naturally found in New Hampshire's lakes, ponds and rivers, and thus have no predators or diseases that keep them in check, allowing them to grow quickly. The exotic plants dominate the shallows of freshwater systems, to the detriment of native plants, fish, aquatic insects and other aquatic life.

DES also notes that exotic aquatic plants lead to water quality impairments, can reduce shoreline property values, and can be problematic to the aesthetic and recreational values of water bodies.

Invasive exotic aquatic

plant infestation is already entrenched in Great Island Pond in Derry and Hampstead, and Cobbetts Pond in Windham, and Hampstead's Shop Pond is choked with fanwort, although that is slated to be treated this summer. Intensive weed removal efforts routinely go on at Great Island Pond in an effort to stem the milfoil, and efforts to control the infestation are taken as well at Cobbetts Pond.

DES reports that New Hampshire, with the two new additions, now has 78 infested water bodies, most containing variable milfoil as the primary invasive

plant, while others have fanwort, Eurasian water milfoil, water chestnut and Didymo, also known as rock snot, an invasive algae. This tally includes 67 lakes and ponds and 11 river systems.

DES has an Exotic Species Program that focuses on prevention, early detection and rapid response. Officials encourage all local lake and pond residents to be particularly alert this summer, as the early ice out, along with warmer than average temperatures, have contributed to more pronounced and rapid growth of exotic species.

DES said lake and pond

residents should look for plants that appear to be dominating an area of the water body or riverbed, are bright green in color, and appear to be spreading quickly.

Maps of existing infestations, as well as information, photographs and descriptions on exotic and prohibited plants in New Hampshire, can be found on the Exotic Species Program page at www.des.nh.gov. For more information or to report a potential infestation, contact the Exotic Species Program Coordinator at 271-2248.

Planning Board OKs Shed at Chester Legion Post

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The Planning Board has given the go-ahead to Dick Trask of Chester's American Legion Post 108 to build a small shed and potentially host a Farmers' Market on the Post's property on Raymond Road (Route 102).

Building inspector/code enforcement officer Thom Roy prompted the July 11 meeting after Trask came to him to pull the appropriate permits. Roy asked that Trask meet with the planning board, which has jurisdiction over site plan approval, to make sure it didn't require a site plan

review before changes to the property were made.

A site plan is required by the town to ensure that developers and commercial entities are building and expanding appropriately with an eye to public and environmental safety. When a commercial entity is changing its site, the planning board wants to make sure those changes don't adversely affect a host of concerns, from traffic flow to parking to septic accommodations.

Planning board member Andrew Hadik said the process allowed the board to make sure new activity was appropriate to the site and wouldn't cause ancil-

lary concerns.

The Post existed before site plan regulations were adopted and as such is considered to have a pre-existing non-conforming use. It's a unique situation that caused some discussion among planning board members about waiving the site plan review when they weren't certain a site plan was needed in the first place. They were appreciative, however, of Roy's efforts in sending Trask to them first.

Roy, contacted after the meeting, said he wanted to keep the planning board in the loop of the changes, as site plan reviews are in its jurisdiction.

Planning board members wanted to make sure they weren't giving the go-ahead to all future changes to the site by waiving the site plan review this time, but also didn't want Trask to have to come in for every minor manipulation to the outside of the property.

Roy said he didn't expect the situation to occur regularly. As the planning board gave the approval to a Farmers' Market, other similar uses, like a yard sale, dance or barbecue, would in essence be approved as well.

During the discussion, selectmen chair Steph Landau suggested the Post use the town's abutting property for the shed, to keep as

much parking open on site as possible. He made the suggestion as a gesture of support to Trask, who has gotten the long-dormant Legion up and running again. Landau said he'd bring the idea before his peers at their next meeting.

It was agreed that a Farmers' Market would push more traffic into the Routes 102 and 121 intersection, but that it was a safer spot for the activity than where the market is currently held at the Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, right at the intersection.

Hadik said he didn't see a need for a site plan review, but should safety concerns with extra parking on site arise, the planning board may want to reconsider its approval.

The planning board was unanimously amenable to the shed and Farmers' Market, but wanted to double check that there was adequate space and parking for the endeavor. They decided to each check the area before giving final approval.

In other business that evening, the planning board gave the go-ahead to G and P Pizzeria on Raymond Road to lay a concrete pad for a freezer unit outside the restaurant. It was determined that the addition didn't change anything about the place that the planning board was concerned about. The board asked for a clear plan of the addition for its records.

Site plan review regulations can be found at the planning board's page at www.chesternh.org.

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Friends, Neighbors Remember Sandown's Paul Densen

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN — Paul Densen, one of Sandown's champions died last week. Though he hadn't resided in Sandown for a few years, in his nearly 40 years in town

he left a mark on the place and its people.

Densen wasn't idle during his nearly 99 years, and was accomplished in both his professional life and civic duties. Among other civic efforts, Densen spearheaded the public library

expansion, placed 35 acres of property he once owned into a conservation easement, and was active in the Historical Society, serving as president for many years.

He is remembered by friends as a caring man, someone who took an interest in their lives and was always there to support them and push them in the right direction.

Densen moved to Sandown in 1968. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were looking for a place to retire, spotted a home on Fremont Road, and immediately put a down payment on it. In time the place became known among friends as "Paul's Paradise."

Densen moved to Iowa in 2006, at the age of 92, to be closer to his son and daughter-in-law.

Densen was active on the Sandown Public Library Board of Trustees. He served as chair and was the chair of the building committee that was responsible for the addition to the library. Library director Barbara Lachance said Densen was integral to the project, quietly but methodically putting his efforts toward the goal.

"He was a terrific man," said Lachance. She spoke of his quiet but steadfast ability to accomplish projects that would improve the town he loved. She said Densen was a voracious reader, and saw a need to expand the small library.

Lachance, like many of his other friends, remembers how she and her family often received newspaper and magazine articles and other writings from Densen. He kept an eye out for new information and stories that would be interesting for

others and made sure to send them along.

"He was just a good, good man. He cared about the community and the people in the community," said Lachance, adding that he had a great sense of humor and a love for life.

Densen was also a great ice skater and dancer and loved playing cards, and encouraged others to join him in his favorite pastimes.

After helping the library, he saw a need in the town's historical society. He then put his efforts toward fundraising to expand that cultural piece of Sandown, working closely with longtime curator Bertha Deveau.

In 2005 Densen permanently placed 35 of the 37 acres of "Paul's Paradise" in a conservation easement. In 2008, before he visited Sandown to see the expan-

sion of the Sandown Town Forest during the official unveiling of the Minton Parcel, which abuts his own former land, Densen said he had always had an interest in conservation efforts, but his move to Sandown enabled him to put that interest into practice.

Mark and Heidi Traeger purchased the property when Densen moved in 2006. Both were longtime friends of Densen, and Mark said Densen had a positive impact on his whole family.

Densen planted gardens while living on his property, including the stately daffodils that still draw visitors. He planted trees and knew all of their common and Latin names, and with the help of members of the community, built a bridge across the Exeter River to help him take care of the

woods. And after he placed the land into a conservation easement, he made sure it would be in good hands when he left by letting the Traegers know he was selling before giving anyone else a look.

Mark Traeger joked that Densen probably had a few laughs thinking about all of the work he left for the family. "I like to think that we're here because Paul wanted us here," he said.

He added that Densen was always busy with a project, like welding and gemstone cutting, and had a combination of curiosity, intelligence and health that kept him going.

Next spring, per his request, Densen will come home to Sandown, where his ashes will be strewn among his famous daffodils (see obituary on this page).

OBITUARY

Paul Densen

Paul M. Densen died July 9, 2012, three weeks before his 99th birthday.

Although a resident of Iowa City, Iowa for the past six years, his heart remained with friends in Sandown, where he resided for nearly 40 years.



Dr. Densen was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., graduated from Brooklyn College and obtained his D. Sc. from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

He enjoyed a distinguished academic career in health services research and administration, holding faculty positions at Vanderbilt University, the University of Pittsburgh and Harvard University; governmental positions in the Veterans Administration; and positions in the private and public sectors, most notably the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York and as Deputy Commissioner of Health in New York City. At the time of his death, he was Professor Emeritus of Community Health and Medical Care at Harvard University.

Included among his many contributions are: the introduction of statistical analysis to estimate and adjust actuarial insurance risk; development and organization of the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium and serving as its first President; Task Group Leader for the Public Health and Epidemiology section of the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island; Chairman for the U.S. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics consultant panel for developing statistical systems for national health insurance; Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health Maintenance Systems of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; and inaugural Head of the Harvard Center for Community Health. He held the latter position for 20 years and was proud of its success in introducing this field to physicians, many of whom became leaders in national and academic health policy.

He was selected for membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, was a two-time recipient of the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the U.S. Department of the Army, received the Lasker Group Award for the American Public Health Association and the Distinguished Career Award from the Association for Health Services Research, was a member of the Millbank Memorial Fund Technical Board, received the Governor's Citation for Contributions to Public Health in Massachusetts, was designated a Johns Hopkins University Centennial Scholar, and was chosen as the Lowell J. Reed Lecturer by the American Public Health Association.

He is survived by his daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Rothfuss; his son, Peter, and daughter-in-law, Ellie, all of Iowa City, Iowa; two siblings; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth A. Reed.

A private service of remembrance will be held in Sandown in the future. Donations in his name can be made payable to the Sandown Public Library, in care of Ms. Barbara Lachance, Library Director, 305 Main St., P.O. Box 580, Sandown, NH 03873.

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Editorial

Important Weeks Ahead

When it comes to making the decisions that can change the face of the world, we hold the key. Should those decisions be based on whether we are a registered Republican or Democrat?

If your answer is yes, something's wrong.

The November election is important for a lot of reasons. We can start at the top, with the President. If we all use our heads, the choice for President will be made not on party lines, not on exaggerated rhetoric, but on the candidate's priorities, background and concrete plans. A candidate's honesty and willingness to acknowledge past actions and statements are good things for voters to focus on as well.

That requires the voter to act with intelligence, to do a little research, to pay attention to what is being said – and not said – by the candidates. Are they answering your concerns? Do you want what they say they want? Do you care? You should.

And in our own state, we have elections of significant importance as well, starting with the Governor's and Executive Council races, extending to the Congressional seats, and continuing with state senate and state representative selections.

We commend the show of interest in local candidacies, and urge voters not to choose a name they've heard or

someone their friends suggest, but a candidate whose views they have studied – and whose views they like.

We caution our readers to beware of party-line slams on opponents. Elections lately have been dirtier and nastier than before, and that style of campaigning gives us no information – other than inaccuracies and downright lies – on which to make an informed choice.

For incumbents – and Presidential candidates – their records are an open book, one we encourage you to read. If you have a question about how someone voted, ask the candidate, not his or her opponent. If you're basing your decision on propaganda from political action groups, you're hearing only one – and paid to be slanted – side.

Every voter has the opportunity in the next few but very important weeks to study what each candidate says – and to think for themselves. No one should tell you how to vote. It's your checkbook and your lifestyle and your world view that are at stake.

For all of us who like to say how much we love our country and our state, the most patriotic thing we can do is to be an informed and prepared voter this year, and cast our ballot as if the country and our way of life depend on it.

Because they do.

Letters

School Board Meeting

To the editor:

It has been brought to my attention that there is a population in Hampstead who believe that some members of the school board were intending to revisit the Assistant Principal issue at the July 3 meeting. I want to clarify the facts surrounding the meeting.

There was never any plan to revisit the decision on doing away with the Assistant Principal position.

The meeting was not an emergency meeting or secret meeting. It was a Special Meeting called to discuss personnel hiring due to a decision made in June to convene the board for any summer staffing decisions. In order to post the job openings, wait for a response, interview candidates, second interviews and convene another nomination meeting with the School Board, be-

fore an opening date of Aug. 21, I decided that the meeting should be held sooner rather than later. I also felt that the further into the summer we get, the less available members would be.

For this meeting only one member was supposedly not available. This means any vote on this matter would have likely ended in a tie.

This meeting was posted on June 28, and I only received one question from Mr. Jorge Mesa-Tejada asking the intent of the Assistant Principal agenda item.

I confirmed that the Assistant Principal item was a review by Interim Superintendent Winfried Feneberg of the responsibilities of the eliminated position and which of the remaining administrators would be handling the responsibilities. This item will be added to the next School Board meeting agenda.

I held the meeting at the Library only to avoid

traffic from the concert at the Town Hall! There was no subversive intention there.

I decided to split the personnel issues into two categories to avoid confusion, as the original agenda item was called "Personnel Issues" and I did not want to cause uproar for what should be a 10-minute meeting. I will be adding a short description to agenda items in the future to clarify items. School board members receive this description in their packets. This description read; "Mr. Feneberg to present an administrative update on how to implement the Board's decision to eliminate one assistant principal."

In the future, if you have any questions regarding agenda items or their intent, please direct them to the Chair!

Judy Graham
Hampstead

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Laconia Man Apprehended While Stealing Scrap Wire

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – A Laconia man was arrested on multiple charges last week after a confrontation with resident Bob Pepper, who said he found the man rummaging through his work truck.

At 7 a.m. July 9, Chester officer Tim Loveless responded to 178 Derry Road after Pepper called to report some more than suspicious activity.

According to police reports, Pepper arrived home to see Paul A. DePalma, 54, of 483 Main St., Laconia, rummaging through his plumbing truck. A black Lexus was backed up to the truck. When Pepper arrived, the individual quickly closed

his trunk and tried to explain that he was stopped at the property to take a look at the pigs the family keeps there.

Police chief Bill Burke noted the animals can't be seen from the road.

DePalma then got into his car to leave, but Pepper stood in front of the vehicle and called the police. The Lexus struck Pepper as DePalma tried to get him out of the way. No injuries were reported.

DePalma then got out of the car and began to take the plates off it, saying there was no need to call the authorities. Pepper went to take the keys out of the ignition and a scuffle ensued.

Eventually the trunk was opened to reveal about \$600 in scrap wire and

some bolt cutters.

DePalma was arrested for Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Criminal Trespassing, Prowling and Reckless Conduct. He has since been arraigned in Derry District Court, and, unable to make the \$2,000 cash bail, remains at the Rockingham County Jail in Brentwood.

Burke note that DePalma has a long criminal record going back into the 1970s.

The Lexus is not owned by DePalma. According to police, the owner of the car, after posting it for sale on Craigslist, agreed to let DePalma take over the payments without signing over the title. The owner and DePalma were not previously known to each other.



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Logging Operation Fire Requires Multiple Tankers

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – A commercial wood chipper caught fire deep in the woods off Lane Road mid-morning on Thursday, July 12, challenging firefighters.

The Chester fire department received a call from a Raymond commercial logging company working on the town-owned Hatton Property, located near the Norton Cemetery, at about 11:30 a.m. A hydraulic hose on the chipper had burst and sprayed the engine with fluid before a spark ignited the equipment. The operator, who noticed the fire from the cab, had to jump several feet out over the fire to escape to the ground.

According to the fire department, three fire extinguishers were used on the blaze before the department arrived, but they didn't make a dent in it.

Complicating the issue, the leaking hydraulic fluid

soaked chips in a trailer the chipper was feeding. The chips caught fire and eventually the entire trailer was alight.

After a struggle to access the area, located about three-quarters of a mile into the woods on rough roads, Fire Chief Rich Antoine and Lt. Kevin Wunderly were the first to arrive on scene.

Antoine said that as they arrived, trees were on fire. The blaze could be seen elsewhere in town above the treetops.

Antoine said that slowing the fight was an inability to get an engine to the site. Chester responded with its first response truck and forestry vehicle, which only holds 350 gallons of water.

Eventually 10 Chester volunteer firefighters helped out.

Mutual aid from Auburn, Sandown, Raymond and Derry were called. Important to the fight were off-road tankers belonging to Chester, Sandown and Raymond, said Antoine.

Chester's tanker holds 1800 gallons.

"We needed a lot of water to put it out," said Antoine, noting that it was a very hot fire and even when the department had control of it, branches in the trees were still aflame.

To prevent the blaze from spreading into the surrounding woods, brush piles had to be broken down and moved. An excavator, skidder and tractor were also moved away.

Antoine said it took about three hours to put out the fire, and another hour to clean up and make sure it wouldn't spring back up.

It was a labor intensive fight, said Antoine, and one that required use of equipment not used in more routine fires.

The logger is working



A wood chipper and trailer containing the chips it was feeding caught fire July 12 in the woods in Chester. Multiple tankers from neighboring towns were called in to fight the fire.
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Assessor Recommends Denying Tax Abatements for Utility Poles

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Town assessor Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) has recommended denying tax abatement requests from the two telecommunications companies operating in town.

MRI's Scott Marsh said unfulfilled requests for more information were the driving force behind the recommended denials.

Marsh informed the board of selectmen at its

Thursday, July 12, meeting that out of nine tax abatement requests he investigated recently, only two of them did he see fit to approve.

The board did not publicly announce any decision on the abatements.

The telecommunications abatement requests were prompted by a recent decision by the state legislature to allow municipalities to tax such companies for their pole infrastructure and use.

In February, Chester selectmen decided to take the state up on that allowance and sent bills to Granite State Communications and FairPoint Communications.

FairPoint has about \$200,000 in poles, leaving it with a supplemental tax bill this year of \$4,932. Granite State has \$1,620,900, resulting in \$39,971 in a supplemental bill.

There has been an ongoing fight between telecommunications companies and

the state over whether the tax is fair. The history of whether telecommunications poles would be included in computing property tax, whether the poles were real estate or personal property and other related debates is a long one, but for years those companies have been exempt from paying property taxes on utility poles.

The major player in town, Granite State Communications, argued that the tax was unfair and

would result in increased costs to its customers.

Marsh said last week that requests for more information on abatement requests from the companies were not fulfilled and as such, MRI suggested denying the appeals.

Other suggested denied abatement requests came from Shaker Heights, Lincoln Lane, Mill Pine Village and Holman Way. Each of the assessments on those parcels, said Marsh, is in line and he didn't see a need

for the town to grant the requests.

A parcel on Tenney Road and one on Haverhill Road were suggested by Marsh for approval. The house on Tenney Road had an incorrectly assessed barn, and an abatement of \$471 plus applicable interest was suggested.

A house on Haverhill Road may see a \$25,000 reduction in assessed value, translating into an abatement of \$617 plus interest.

Hampstead Youth Takes First in State Hershey Track Meet

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Two years ago a Hampstead youngster qualified for the Hershey Track and Field National Competition and again this year, that same youth, Noah Woodman, is waiting to hear if his first-place finish in the 100 meter run will qualify him

for nationals again.

The Hampstead Summer Recreation Program includes the Hershey Track & Field Program for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. The summer program fields a team, and preparation for the meet begins with the Running Club, which meets for practice before school ends and continues up until the meets.

The Hershey Track and Field Youth Programs are held in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the 10 provinces and three territories of Canada. The final event is held each August in Hershey, Penn.

Hampstead Recreation has participated for many years, said Recreation Director Angie Ingraham. "This is a great program, and I

have had youngsters participate in it each of the years I have been here," she said.

Noah qualified for the North American Finals during the summer of 2010. That year he competed in the Regional Hershey Track Meet in Rochester, and took a first in the long jump. Two days later in Manchester, he repeated the feat and went on to States, where he took second in the long jump and qualified for the nationals.

This year Noah took first place in the State 100 meter run and was on the first-place relay team. He also took fourth in the long jump.

Noah's time of 13.92 will determine whether he qualifies for nationals, and he expects to hear soon.

Hampstead Hershey



Noah Woodman

ochon, Daniel Powers, Maryann Quigley, Amy Quigley, Cori Wintel-Newell, and Ian Woodman.

The State Meet was held July 6 in Manchester. At that meet, in addition to Noah's placings, Thomas MacDonald came in fourth in the boys 9-10 softball throw, Max Fairbanks came in sixth in the boys 11-12 softball throw, Zack Hudgins came in eighth in the boys 11-12 long jump; and the boys 11-12 relay that came in first included Oliver Pinyochon, Zack Hudgins and Michael Gorham, along with Noah.

"All the kids participated really well," Hickey said. "They showed up for practices despite the heat, and they all tried hard. I am very happy with the results."

Track and Field coach Meghan Hickey said 14 children participated in the Regional Meets in Rochester on July 2. Along with Noah, they are: Mille Choy, Jason Choy, Max Fairbanks, Michael Gorham, Zack Hudgins, Mollie MacDonald, Thomas MacDonald, Oliver Piny-

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Selectmen Could Reconsider Denial of Barn Preservation Easement

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The board of selectmen decided against granting a preservation easement for a barn on Haverhill Road owned by A. Clark and Ann Powers, though part of its decision recognized the applicants' ability to ask again.

The discretionary easement is a tool set up through state statute to "encourage the preservation of historic New Hampshire barns and other agricultural buildings by authorizing municipalities to grant property tax relief to barn owners."

"The new law is based on the widespread recognition that many of the state's old barns and other farm outbuildings are important local scenic landmarks and help tell the story of New Hampshire's agricultural heritage. Yet many of these historic structures are being demolished or not repaired because of the adverse impact of property taxes," the law states.

The barn is at 39 Haverhill Road, but selectmen admitted knowing little else about the structure. More than one selectman said he wished the applicants had come to the Thursday, July 12, meeting to explain more about the barn and why it should be granted the easement. As it was, assessor Jean Packard and Scott Marsh of Municipal Resources Inc. were the only ones at the meeting with insight into the barn and process.

Selectman Mike Weider asked if the barn had any specific historic value. Marsh said that other than the fact that it reached the age requirement for an ease-

ment, he wasn't aware of any other justifications.

The law states that to be considered historic, a barn must be at least 75 years old.

Packard said she asked the applicants for more information, including pictures, but did not receive any. She said the application states the owners are trying to restore the barn and that it has been used in local artwork.

Packard provided photos she had taken as she drove by the property.

The stipulations of any easement are the result of a negotiation between the selectmen and property owner, and as such there wasn't a solid figure for how much the easement would lower property taxes. Easement language can also stipulate that the structure must be kept up to a predetermined standard.

According to Marsh, the approximate value of the barn is \$12,200.

Selectmen Rich LeBlanc and Weider said they did

not see much historic value in the structure and were thus reluctant to grant an easement.

Selectman Jack Cannon said he was disappointed the owners weren't present to explain the structure, but he understood the benefit of

granting tax relief on old barns.

Chair Steph Landau said that while he was in agreement with concerns raised by his peers, he was loathe to deny the easement, and asked that it be noted that the board would reconsider

it if it turned down the application.

"We continue to tear down our history," said Landau, adding that he'd much rather see the hearing continued. "Over the years I've seen many of our barns replaced by McMansions...I

don't particularly care for McDonald's and I don't particularly care for the way we carelessly toss our history away."

Landau abstained on the motion to deny the application, which was supported by the rest of the board.

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town, the commission keeps an eye on parcels that abut currently owned land because contiguous undeveloped land has a multitude of wildlife and recreation benefits.

The land's cost is \$18,000. It is being purchased from Bernadette Vokey, who has owned it for many years. It had previously been on the market, said commission member Brian Butler, for more than double what the town will pay.

The parcel has both upland and wet areas, said Butler, before speaking about how each parcel the commission reviews must

meet certain criteria to be considered valuable to the town.

Outgoing commission member Pam Merrill Solomon said the land had not only recreation benefits, but wildlife benefits. "It's the best of both worlds," she said.

Earlier this year the commission also purchased a piece of land off Morrison Lane. The parcel will help the town enjoy both Punch Pond and Cub Pond, as together with a conservation-minded resident from Danville and a previously town-owned piece it allows for a usable corridor from Morrison Lane to both ponds.

That parcel, purchased in

January, totals 34 acres. It is combined with another 8 town-owned acres. In addition, Kurt Springer of Danville is working with the commission to create a parking space and town access to 15 acres he has in a private conservation easement.

The combined parcels will be known as the Betty Judkins-Ayer Conservation Area, a nod to Springer's aunt and previous owner of the land.

In other business at Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting:

- The Sandown Republican Committee officially offered to help pay to place American flags on telephone poles in the center of town. The selectmen for-

mally accepted a \$225.17 donation from the committee to pay for the flags.

Speaking for the Republicans, Ed Mencis said the committee will be doing fundraising to pay for the flagpoles and other necessary hardware, and asked that the selectmen hold off on purchasing the materials until the end of the year because they are hoping to raise an additional \$716 for that purpose.

The flag idea came from director of public works Artie Genuardo, who noted the pleasant effect the flags have had on towns he has visited. The plan is to place the flags on poles from Central School to the Post Office.



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Curbside Recycling Changes Go into Effect in Hampstead

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Changes to curbside trash pickup went into effect July 2, and according to reports from Bestway Disposal, the town's trash hauler, an average of 18 homes a day during the first week put out amounts of trash exceeding the allowable level.

When an excess of allowable trash is put out for removal, Bestway leaves the residents a green sticker requesting they contact Town Hall, and gives the list of those residents to Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee secretary Tina Harrington. She then sends

a letter stating the allowable limits and the regulation, and noting that if they have excess curbside trash to be picked up, they can buy stickers from the Town Clerk's Office for \$1 per bag.

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee members heard from Harrington at their meeting Wednesday, July 11, that Bestway picked up whatever was left out for the first two weeks because of the July 4 holiday.

The Town has purchased 500 excess trash bag stickers and in the first week and a half, 460 were bought by residents. Harrington has ordered more. She emphasized that people can use a barrel for recycling material, with free

stickers available from Bestway and from the town to mark the barrel for recycling.

Bestway urges residents to use common sense in what they use as trash and recycling receptacles – a refrigerator box is not acceptable because it is too big for one person to handle, but the vendor won't be quibbling over whether a barrel is 30 or 32 gallons, or a bag is 15 or 19 gallons.

The new regulations state that a single family residence is allowed to place outside for curbside pick-up two barrels or four bags of trash.

A single family dwelling with an in-law apartment may put out three barrels or six bags,

while a duplex can have four barrels or eight bags of curbside trash for pick-up. Condominiums are allowed the same amount as a residence, while two-unit apartment buildings can put out three barrels or six bags. Mobile or manufactured homes on common property can put out two barrels or four bags.

These amounts effectively cut in half the amount that had been allowed under the previous regulation, issued in October 2003.

In other business:

- Recyclebank is in effect, and Harrington and member Ellen Cabral said residents are signing up. The plan is to track the

number of residents who have signed up each month. Recyclebank asks that people with questions call 888-727-2978.

Cabral said if any residents failed to get the flier sent out by Recyclebank, they should contact her at ellen.cabral@yahoo.com.

Hampstead is the state's representative to Recyclebank, the SC Johnson Company's Green Choice Recycling Challenge program. The town with the highest percentage of recycling households will be given a \$100,000 grant toward a community sustainability project. Recyclebank is free for residents, who can receive rewards in the form

of points toward deals and discounts at local and national businesses.

- Committee chairman Pat Bracken said recycling percentages for Hampstead continue to inch upwards. June numbers show recycling is at 23 percent. The more recycling done by residents, the greater the savings for the town, because as the trash stream is reduced, so are the tipping fee costs.

- The committee agreed to set up a table at the Summer Concerts at Meetinghouse Park to provide information on recycling, curbside pick-up and Recyclebank. Cabral agreed to staff the table for the July 31 concert.

Junkyard

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its money. At that time, Weider said the site was relatively controlled and a fence would keep people from getting on the property and getting injured.

Weider was against spending any more money on the place last week, however, and said a fence would promote further problems and liabilities, including making it more difficult to access the

area if someone were hurt while trespassing there. Citing a court order, he also said that putting a fence there prompted complications with allowing property owner access.

Weider said the purpose of recent work on site was to open up the property to let the public see what was going on there, and a fence would go against that plan.

"We're going to spend another \$5,000 for no reason," said Weider later in the discussion, adding that the

town has already gone above and beyond in an effort to fix the property.

Antoine, in response to Weider's adamant stance, said he was just bringing concerns to the board.

According to chair Steph Landau, some of the confusion about the fence comes from contradictory suggestions from the state Department of Environmental Services (DES) about whether a fence is required to secure the site and if so, what it should look like.

Selectman Jack Cannon said he wasn't comfortable doing any fencing until Antoine, police chief Bill Burke and code enforcement officer Thom Roy return to the board with a full monitor-

ing plan for the property. Cannon said he was willing to consider putting up the fence, but needed a report first.

Landau was adamant that a fence should be erected so the town could be done with the decade-long nuisance. "I'm sick and tired of that parcel," he said. "I don't want to spend another cent on it, but I think this is the last cent. We've spent a fortune on it...to spend \$4,000 more on it and say to DES and everyone else that we've done our due diligence...I'm being very emphatic. I want to spend \$4,000 and say that's it."

Selectman Rich LeBlanc said he would like to give police, fire and code enforcement a chance to assess the

property, but if they suggested a fence, the board should listen.

Contacted after the meeting, Burke said his department monitors all town-owned properties the same, and even though LeClair's wasn't officially town owned, the police watched it closely. He added that his department could not watch the place 24 hours a day.

"My suggestion, as always and like the judge suggested, is that we fence it in and properly post it," said Burke, adding that he doesn't think around-the-clock police presence is required for the place. "They say that good fences make for good neighbors. But is it 100 percent foolproof? No."

Burke added there are many gray areas about the property from a police perspective, not least of which is the fact that the property is not owned by the town.

Chester police rely on residents to alert them to suspi-

cious or criminal behavior, said Burke.

The board agreed to wait for a report from Antoine, Burke and Roy before making further fencing decisions.

Owners of the property Lorette LeClair and her son Wayne LeClair have been successfully sued by the town for allowing the approximately 2-acre parcel to become contaminated by a host of automobile related fluids. Studies found that those contaminants had migrated and impacted the bedrock into surrounding drinking water wells.

One of those wells prompted a recent press for clean-up, including a DES-led removal of all liquids and some soil on site earlier this year. Neighbors Jodi and Charlie Mitchell's well was found to contain 1200 micrograms per liter of MtBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether), a solid 1187 micrograms over the state groundwater quality standard.

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Cable-Sponsored Concert Series Gets Web Update

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Interim Station Manager Bianca Nicolosi told the Hampstead Cable TV Advisory Board that the website for the cable-sponsored summer concert series has been updated, and includes concert schedules,

information about the board and its summer camp, as well as directions, all at www.meeting-housepark.org.

Nicolosi also told the board at its July 11 meeting that she has added programming to the Channel 17 schedule, which can be accessed at the town website at www.hampsteadnh.us/Pages/in

formation about the board and its summer camp, as well as directions, all at www.meeting-housepark.org.

Nicolosi also told the board at its July 11 meeting that she has added programming to the Channel 17 schedule, which can be accessed at the town website at www.hampsteadnh.us/Pages/in

Channel 17.

"The intent will be to raise awareness about recycling," she said. "I will also be doing a video of the Farmers Market on Aug. 4, when they are featuring a Hampstead Public Library Story Time."

Cable Chairman Clay Shaw said so far the concerts have been well attended.

"The thing they all talk about is the bandstand," Shaw

said. "They say this is one of the best venues they play. Don Campbell, when he was here last year, told his people to get the plans and have one made just like it for his Maine site."

Nicolosi noted the young crew members who video the concerts are working well together and learning the new equipment.

"It is nice to watch the more experienced members

help the newcomers learn the ropes," she said.


The cable program "Chatting with Your Legislator" will feature speakers on Agenda 21 – the Sustainable Development issue, and Republican candidate for Governor Ovide Lamontagne. It will be taped at the cable studio Aug. 30 from 5 to 6 p.m., after which Lamontagne will visit the Hampstead Public Library for a Meet and Greet.



HOOPS AND HOLLERS

Kids at this year's Chester Summer Recreation Program, above, all join in for a karaoke version of "Party Rock Anthem" during the morning session at Wason Pond on Friday. Age groups take turns on the different events set up for them from one day to the next. At left, Emma Bain, left, hopes not to get caught with the hula hoop handed off to her by Isabella Crowley as they pass it around a circle until the music stops. The recreation program continues through the summer until the middle of August.

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Summer Recreation Program in Full Swing in Sandown

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Every Thursday, the kids of the Sandown Summer Recreation Program run to New York City. They're racking up miles together as they run around the big fields at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility and are hoping that by the end of the summer, they'll have the 250 or so miles that it would take to get from Sandown to the Big Apple.

They're part of the program's Running Club, and not only is the effort keeping them in shape, but by the end of the summer a big group of them will be participating in the Sandown Old Home Days 5-miler and Kids' 1K Fun Run.

At the start of each Thursday session, all of the campers who want to participate in the club meet with counselors Staci Lucier and Dan Armstrong for stretches and warm-up exercises. Tiny first grader campers do jumping jacks right along with the eighth graders before they begin their laps.

And don't think the little kids tire quickly; the counselors joked that it's usually the young ones who have unending energy.

It's four times around the fields for a mile, and while some of the kids just take a lap or two, others do multiple miles. Last year one of the campers ran the equivalent of more than two marathons. Last week the kids together ran 45.5 miles.

"We started it last year and they loved it," said coordinator Cressa Bonnell about the running club, taking a break from her own laps around the field. On many of the laps, Bonnell will pick up with a new kid or group to encourage them along the route.

At the end of the summer, some of the many awards given to campers go to those who most improved on the running field or who racked up the most miles.

Lucier sits under the big tent alongside the field that the kids use for snack, rests and lunch, and checks off each runner as he or she comes past. The little ones



Healing Touch Pottery's Amanda Van Houten helps Rebecca Longchamps work a bowl on one of the pottery wheels brought to the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility last week for the Sandown summer recreation program.

usually stop for a few minutes to get hydrated and chat before they take off together for another lap. Assistant coordinator Tim Brown makes sure the kids are stopping for sufficient water breaks and encouraging those he knows are good runners to push themselves.

One thing that's not

allowed at camp is sitting still for long. Multiple programs are run each day to keep the kids busy and having fun. While the runners were at their task, other kids were playing a game of baseball while still others were inside making pottery. Later in the day, they planned to bring out the

water cannon and also tie dye T-shirts.

Brown and Bonnell create the schedule of daily events, special activities and weekly themes before the program gets going for the summer, and they do their best to keep that schedule as full as possible.

Last Thursday, July 12, several pirates were running along with the kids. It was the theme of the day, and plenty of the kids wore eye-patches, striped shirts and roughly hemmed pants. Not to mention the counselor pirates, many of whom were just as creative in their costumes.

Brown, Bonnell and recreation coordinator Deb Brown have been running the summer recreation program together for seven summers, and in that time have seen it grow. This year, they're completely booked for every week of the summer, with 100 kids coming every week. Others attend only some of the weeks.

Deb Brown said that having Bonnell and Brown in the program made everything go smoothly, especially as they were both teach-

ers and knew the kids well. Brown and Bonnell in turn had praise for the counselors and how involved they get in the program.

Brown said that the town's new recreation facility made their jobs easier, as the ample space in and out of doors allowed for a lot more opportunities for activities throughout the summer.

Inside the building, Healing Touch Pottery brought a bunch of clay and three potter's wheels so that the kids could make their own bowls, cups, vases and free-form sculptures.

The kids did well in slowly pulling their pre-started clay lump into a vessel, but Healing Touch's Amanda Van Houten was kept busy cleaning up a spinning clay blob before giving the kids another try.

To keep up to date with all the activities the summer recreation program is doing this year, visit its Twitter feed: @Sandown_Rec. It's updated daily with pictures and information and is especially useful for campers' parents, in the event a bus might be running a little late from a field trip.

Bake-Off Contest New Feature at St. Anne's Summerfest

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The St. Anne's Summerfest offers something new this year, a Bake-Off Contest.

Organizers are looking for people to enter the Bake-Off Contest, whether for apple pie or cookies, cup-

cakes or bread.

To enter the contest, bring baked entries to the St. Anne Summerfest at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., on Saturday, July 28, from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

"We'll have four categories, and you may enter as many times as you like in as many categories as you like,"

said Linda Milley. The categories are: apple pie, cookies, yeast bread, and cupcakes.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category, she said, noting the contest carries a charge of \$5 per entry. Judging will begin at noon, and will include staff members and parishioners.

A popular part of the Summerfest Day is the kick-off event, a 5-mile competitive race and fun walk known as the annual Lakes Race. The race is a fan favorite, and it's in its 20th year. The 5-mile race takes place on a USATF (USA Track & Field) certified course, and starts at 9 a.m. It also includes a 5K non-competitive fun walk.

Trophies will be presented to the top three runners from each age and sex division. The 5-mile race categories are: 14 & Under, 15 - 19, 20 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49,

50 - 59, 60 - 69, 70 - 79, and 80-plus.

Milley said refreshments will follow the race, which is part of the Grand Prix Race Series for 2012.

Race pre-registration is \$20, and includes a Table Talk Pie and official race T-shirt. Registration within one week of the race is \$25, with no guarantee of pie or shirt. Registration is also accepted in the "I don't want to race, I don't want to walk; I just want a pie and a T-shirt" category. Register online at active.com by searching for "St. Anne Lakes Race."

The 31st annual St. Anne Summerfest will also feature games for all ages, free live entertainment on stage, bounce tents, face painting, a craft and art fair, gift baskets, a vintage car show, a bake sale, grill fare and refreshments, a silent auction, and cash and gift raffles.

For more information on Summerfest or to download an application for the Lakes Race, visit saintannechurchnh.org and click on "Summerfest" at the top, or call Robin Doyle at 362-5158 about the Lakes Race.



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Hampstead Planning Board Closes Maida Case

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Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — After six years, the Maida case has finally been approved and closed by the Planning Board — that is, if it is properly registered and filed this time.

The Paul Maida subdivision lot line change case at 116 Eagle Road saw no changes, but because of the lapse of time since the transfer of two small parcels of land and the subsequent lot line changes, it had to be approved again.

Surveyor James Lavelle of

Lavelle & Associates presented Maida's request for approval of two small parcels of land and the subsequent lot line changes at the June Planning Board hearing, six years after the final Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) hearing on the Maida case. The two proposed parcel transfers, one 366 square feet and the other 880 square feet, were from abutter Howard Chandler to Paul and Sandra Maida.

The Planning Board in June found this to be confusing and new. The board wanted several notes added to the plan that Lavelle

agreed to, but the board also wanted to review the ZBA and Planning Board minutes from hearings in 2005 and 2006 before reaching a final decision. The hearing was continued to July 16.

In November of 2006, the time of the final ZBA hearing, the Maidas had been trying to get their property at 116 Eagle Road through the Planning Board and ZBA process for more than a year. The November 2006 ZBA hearing approved the expansions to their ranch house that had been done in 2005 without a permit, work that

led to the long chain of events that has dogged the property.

At that time, the Maida property was found to be in violation of several town ordinances and regulations, among them having two residences on an undersized lot, buildings too close to lot lines, and confusion over whether the second residence was a camp or a garage.

Throughout 2005 and 2006, the ZBA and Planning Board sorted out and resolved the problems. The lot line violations at the

garage and the septic system across the road were corrected with the transfer of land from abutter Chandler, and the camp/garage was gutted and returned to garage-only status, leaving only the cease and desist order in force on the ranch house for the unpermitted work.

The ZBA ruled on Nov. 2, 2006 that the construction projects were approved retroactively subject to electrical and plumbing inspections that required removal of interior walls.

Maida never followed up on the approvals and now,

six years later, returned to the Planning Board to get its approval of the transfer of land parcels and the lot line changes so the plan and deed can be registered. Chandler has since died but his wife, who lives in Atkinson, was present at the Planning Board hearing Monday night to affirm the transfer of land.

At that meeting, Lavelle's plans showed all the requested notes, and the board approved the request and urged Lavelle to make sure it was filed and registered this time around.

Depot Road

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traffic and safety concerns due to the location at an intersection that the state had determined was a failed intersection, and had no plans to improve. The state still has no plans to improve the intersection.

The court noted the board had evidence "contesting or questioning" the results of the petitioner's traffic study, as well as evidence from another traffic study indicating the petitioner's study "may have underestimated the potential traffic volume for the intersection" as well as evidence of the failed status of the intersection and police evidence of accidents there.

The developers have hired the same traffic study firm to do a new study, which states that there is insufficient traffic along the roads bordering the project to warrant turning lanes. The new study, conducted by Stephen Pernaw & Company, claims traffic numbers have declined over the 10 years since the previous study, and supported it with a state Department of Transportation

four-day, 24-hour count that Julia Forbes pointed out was done when school was out, thus significantly diminishing the morning traffic count. It was also noted that the Pernaw count started at 7 a.m., after Pinkerton Academy bus and car traffic had left Hampstead.

Pernaw's traffic study also indicated the project would not generate additional traffic.

The Court's denial also stated "the evidence in the record reasonably supports the Board's decision, based on its fourth reason (the scale and scope of the proposal would have detrimental effects on abutters, the neighborhood and the Town environment), to deny the petitioner's application."

The abutters Monday focused on the question of why they were back again, as nothing had changed.

For the plan to be approved, it must be significantly

changed from the previously denied plan, according to Planning Board Chairman Randy Clark.

"The 2012 plan is not only effectually the same, proposing the exact same donut shop/gas station and convenience store as well as an undisclosed retail usage, but has actually increased the land use, as the current plan is a larger footprint and has extensively increased the gas pump pad area that begins 55 feet from the building," Shirley Paz said.

She said all of the reasons for previous denial remain unchanged. Three high volume businesses with a possible fourth next to a dangerous intersection, she said, is a threat to public safety. And she and her husband, Carlos, said the investment in their property will be significantly diminished by the development.

Chad Bennett and his wife pointed out the safety concerns they and other

parents of young children have in the area. The development will increase those concerns and create an even more dangerous situation for school bus stops, he said. They were also concerned that the convenience store would draw a criminal element with the sale of tobacco and liquor.

Forbes expressed concerns for the Paz well and the well in Ordway Park. She suggested a less intensive use for the property would be more compatible with the neighborhood, and pointed out that in a snowstorm, heavy equipment in the middle of the night would be clearing snow, which would be disruptive to the abutters.

She also expressed concerns for run-off from the site crossing over to Ordway Park and threatening the wells. Another resident

reminded the board of a major aquifer that could be adversely impacted.

Cornelius Balk said cars leaving the development at night would shine their headlights into his living room and bedroom, and the sounds from the drive-through would be clearly heard.

"If this goes forward, my house is useless," he said. The Pazes agreed, saying they had the same headlight situation on their side of the development.

Janet Rabideau, whose property abuts the site, said if it were approved, she would have on her property line the development's transfer area, garbage, propane, septic and drive-through.

Kyle Barka of Barka Associates, architect for the building, said the plan is to make the building as similar to an old Boston Rail Road

Station as possible in color and design so as to fit into the neighborhood. "Our aim is to bring back the historical flavor to the area," he said.

Mark Gross presented the plan and described the driveway placements onto Derry Road and Main Street (Route 121). He said there would be an adequate buffer all around the site and no spillover from the lighting. An LED-lit sign at the corner of Derry Road and Main Street would be within the setback.

Paul Carideo, board member and a member of the Conservation Commission, suggested the plan should be brought to the Conservation Commission.

Depot Development will return to the Planning Board to respond to some of the concerns raised by abutters and the board on Sept. 17.

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Farmers' Market, Car Night

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, 4 Chester St., will host a Farmers' Market on the following Thursdays - July 19 and Aug. 16 - from 5 to 8 p.m. (rain dates are July 26 and Aug. 23). The dates coincide with Chester's Cruisin' Car Night, which takes place directly across the street from the church and offers classic cars, food, ice cream, raffles and music. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net. The Chester Historical Society will be open the same nights as the Farmers Markets and car shows, and the antique mail wagon will be on display outdoors. Scarecrows can be picked up at this time.

Co-ed Volleyball

Chester Recreation is offering free adult co-ed pickup volleyball on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Chester Multi-purpose room. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 887-5773 or e-mail: sharon@chesternhrec.org

Fall Soccer

Registration for the fall season of the Chester Soccer Club is open through Aug. 15. Early registration is \$50 (no shirt) or \$70 (new shirt needed). Any registration postmarked after Aug. 15 will cost \$65 (no shirt) or \$85 (new shirt). Any child ages 4 through 17 can register. Divisions U8 - U18 are part of a recreation league of local towns. Any parents interested in coaching may email board@chesternhsoccer.com and attend one free evening coaching clinic in August. Coaches will get a rebate on one child's registration, and coaches who attend the clinic will receive larger rebates. Visit: www.chesternhsoccer.com for details.

Adult Author Night

Chester Public Library's Local Author Night features authors for an adult audience on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Authors who will talk about and sell their works include poet Robert Crawford, Bennett Gavrish, Tim Horvath, Renee Mallett, poet Jenn Monroe, Holly Robinson, and Michael Shea. The

library is at 3 Chester St., at the junction of Routes 121 and 102. For more information, call 887-3404.

Youth Author Night

Local Author Night at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., features youth authors/illustrators on Wednesday, July 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Area authors who write and/or illustrate books for children and teens will talk about and sell their works. They include Gardner M. Browning, Michelle McCorkle, Eric Pinder, and Paula Casey Wood. For more information, call 887-3404.

Warriors Party

Erin Hunter's Warriors Party takes place Thursday, July 26, at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., from 2 to 4 p.m. Warriors games and a trivia contest are planned. Fans of the Warriors series ages 8-12 are asked to reserve space to attend the party by calling the library at 887-3404.

Soccer Coaching Clinics

Challenger Sports will hold free soccer coaching clinics at the Chester town

soccer field Aug 7 (U6), 8 (U8), and 9 (U10, U12, U15 and U18). Chester Soccer Club coaches who attend one of the clinics will get a rebate on their child's registration. For further information, visit: <http://www.chesternhsoccer.com/>.

PJs Storytimes

PJs Storytimes at Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., are Thursdays, July 19, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. The programs are for ages 3 to 6, with children invited to come to the library wearing their pajamas. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Treasurer Hunt

Hidden treasure in the form of extra Summer Reading Program raffle tickets can be found at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St. The library holds a Treasure Hunt on Monday Aug. 6, both at 7 p.m. Summer Reading Program registration continues in July. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Book Discussion

The Chester Public Library Book Group Discussion meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. On Aug. 21 the topic is the book "Balzac and the Little

Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie. Cardholders may borrow copies of the books to be discussed. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Challenger Soccer Camp

The Chester Soccer Club is hosting Challenger Sports soccer camp Aug. 6-10 at the Chester town soccer field. Any child ages 4-15 from any town can sign up for one of three sessions that week: Full Day, ages 8-15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Half Day, ages 6-15, 9 a.m. to noon; and Mini-soccer, ages 4-6, 1 to 2:30 p.m. For the registration link visit www.chesternhsoccer.com/.

Challenger Goalie Camp

Challenger's Southern New Hampshire Goalie Camp will be held at the Chester town soccer field Aug 6-10. Any child ages 7-15 from any town is welcome to sign up for one of two sessions: for ages 7 to 10, 4 to 6 p.m., and for ages 10 to 14, 6 to 8 p.m. For the registration link, visit <http://www.chesternhsoccer.com/>.

Arts Contest

Chester Public Library holds a Visual/Literary Arts Contest for ages 8 to 15 in the following categories: drawing, photography, and

poetry. Entries must be received by Friday, Aug. 3. The Contest Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, during the Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 887-3404.

Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Household Fabric, Clothing Sale

A gently used Clothing & Household Fabrics Sale will be held rain or shine on Monday, July 23; Tuesday, July 24; and Wednesday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. A selection of used curtains, bedding, pillows, tablecloths, and towels will also be available. The church is an interdenominational Christian fellowship serving the community since 1897, and proceeds benefit the Operating Fund. No donations of items can be accepted. For more information, call 378-0683.

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Film Noir Festival

The Hampstead Public Library presents the film "Sunset Boulevard" on Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m. for the third installment in its Film Noir Festival.

Bats

The Hampstead Public Library presents a free program on bats on Monday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. Brought by "Speaking for Wildlife," a volunteer project of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, New Hampshire Coverts Project and New Hampshire Fish & Game, the program will discuss the kinds of bats found in the state, where to look for them, and how landowners and homeowners can help conserve these mammals. Also discussed will be the impact of white-nose syndrome on bats, what scientists are learning about this threat, and how residents can help. The program is suitable for adults and kids.

Book Discussions

At its August meeting, the Third Thursday Book Group at the Hampstead Public Library will discuss "Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes on Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. The Non-Fiction Book Group will discuss "Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World" by Mark Kurlansky on Monday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. Copies of both books are available at the library's front desk. Newcomers are always welcome.

Music Performance

The Hampstead Public Library Summer Reading Program goes on the road with a performance by singer Rick Golden at Hampstead Middle School on Thursday, July 26, at 10 a.m. Children can sing, dance and jump along with Golden and his singing animal puppets. This program is sponsored by the Hampstead Recreation Department.

Climbing Wall

From 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 26, the Hampstead Public Library invites middle school students to try out a climbing wall at the library. A 26-foot vertical wall will be set up on the library's front lawn. The Indoor Ascent company will provide safety equipment and have staff present.

Garden Tour

The Hampstead Garden Club presents a "Garden Walk" of six gardens on Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. In the event of heavy rain, the event will be held Sunday, July 22. Tickets are available at the Hampstead Public Library, the Tulip Tree Farm, or by contacting Darlene Snell at 490-4581 or online at snell-lakehouse29@gmail.com.

Lamontagne at GOP

The Hampstead Republican Committee will meet Monday, July 30, at 6:30

p.m. at the Hampstead Public Library to host gubernatorial candidate Ovide Lamontagne, who will present his vision for the state. Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend. For more information, email: hampstead-gop@gmail.com

Democrats

The Hampstead Democrats will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. July 23 at the Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Drive. In addition to the regular monthly meeting, Bill Duncan of New Castle, candidate for state Executive Council, District 3, is the featured speaker. The Executive Councilors serve as watchdogs over the state treasury, and are responsible for approving all gubernatorial appointments and contracts. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Angle Pond Barbecue

The Angle Pond Lake

Association Board holds its annual summer barbecue July 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the home of Richard Towne, 23 Holts Point Road. A short association meeting is planned, and food and soft drinks are provided by the committee. The speaker is from the state Department of Safety Marine Patrol and will discuss boat safety and regulations. Angle Pond logo polo shirts, T-shirts, hats, visors and sweatshirts can be ordered. Dues of \$40 should be paid at the meeting or by sending a check to Louise Sayre at Angle Pond Lake Association, PO Box 34, East Hampstead, NH 03826. A fishing derby is planned for 10 a.m. Aug. 12. For questions, call Kathy Smith at 329-6838.

Ham & Bean Supper

A Ham & Bean Supper will be held Saturday, July 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St.

(Route 121A), just south of Route 111. The menu includes two kinds of beans, ham, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, assorted breads, desserts, and beverages. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, with no charge for preschoolers. Proceeds benefit the Operating Fund of this historic church. The church is chair-lift accessible. Take-out meals are available. For more information, call 378-0683.

Car Show

A Cruisin' Car Show takes place Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave. Four plaques will be awarded to the four best all-around cars, and a 50/50 raffle is offered. Participation and attendance are free, and car show drivers receive a free hot dog and drink. The car show is part of the 31st annual St. Anne Summerfest on the town green

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next to St. Anne. The family festival and craft fair is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with games for all ages, Lakes Race and Fun Walk, bounce tents, face painting, a bake sale, a bake off, grill fare, a silent auction, and cash and gift raffles. For more information about the car show, call Bill Flynn at 329-1198 or visit www.saintannechurchnh.org and click on "Summerfest" at the top.

Farmers Market

The Hampstead Farmers Market will be open Saturdays through Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stage Road Junction parking lot off Mary E. Clark Drive, and offers produce and items from local farmers, producers, and craftsmen. Fresh vegetables, herbs, fruits, honey, jams and jellies, dairy products and meats will be available, along with prepared food items such as soups and breads.

Summer Concerts

Hampstead Meeting House Park's 2012 free Summer Concert Series take place Tuesdays at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic. The schedule is: Tuesday, July 31, Rico Barr Swing Band; Tuesday, Aug. 7, Don Campbell; Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m. Southern Rail; and Tuesday, Aug. 21, The 60's Invasion Band.

Family Pajama Party

Families are invited to a pajama party at the Hampstead Public Library on Thursday, July 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Those attending should wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal or blanket. Nighttime stories will be read, and lullabies will be played. Participants can also make a moon craft and have a bedtime snack.

Talent Show

The Hampstead Public Library's sixth annual "Hampstead Idol!" talent show takes place Tuesday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. Kids and adults are welcome to be part of the show. Sign up in advance at the library at

329-6411, or email pfalconer@hampstead.lib.nh.us.

Mural Celebration

A new interactive mural in the Hampstead Public Library's Children's Room will be celebrated on Monday, July 23, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Artist Melissa Squires will be present. The Hampstead Mothers Club funded the mural.

Library Art

The Hampstead Public Library features the work of local artist Christine Casarano, with her paintings on display in the library's second floor meeting room now through Aug. 17. She is a self-taught painter whose preferred medium is acrylics.

Shredding Day

The Hampstead Fire Association hosts a community shredding day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21, at the Hampstead Town Office, 11 Main St. The shredding event is sponsored by TD Bank and hosted by the Hampstead Firemen's Association. Donations for the Hampstead Firemen's Association will be accepted.

Golf Tourney

The Hampstead Civic Club Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 10, at Windham Country Club, with registration from 6 to 7 a.m., and a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, with scramble format. The entry fee of \$125 per player includes greens fees, cart, and post-golf dinner. Visit www.Hampstead-CivicClub.com for registration. Call Ken Fure at 339-1116 with questions.

Summerfest Crafters

Crafters and artists are sought for the St. Anne Summerfest, to be held Saturday, July 28, on the Hampstead Town Green. Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities planned for the day include a road race, vintage car show, games for all ages, food and bake sales, bounce tent, obstacle course, live entertainment, silent auction, and raffles. Spaces are 10- by- 10-feet (no chairs or tables provided) and cost \$40 for an uncovered space and \$50 for a covered space.

More information and an application are at www.saintannechurchnh.org (click on "Summerfest" at the top, then "Craft and Art Booths"), or contact Claire Manes at 642-3250 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SANDOWN

Citizen of Year

The Old Home Day Committee is seeking nominations for Sandown Citizen of the Year to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of a Sandown resident who has shown exceptional dedication and service to the community for the improvement and betterment of Sandown and its people. Nomination forms can be printed from the town website at www.sandown.us and are also available, along with drop off boxes, at Sandown Town Hall, Sandown Public Library, Sandown Post Office, and Bruchetti's. Nominations close July 23. The winner will be announced at Old Home Days on Saturday, Aug. 11. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, contact Paula Gulla at 887-3646 or at pgulla@sandown.us.

Senior Line Dance

A new, five-week session of Line Dance for seniors, offered by Sandown Recreation, starts Tuesday, July 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Edward C. Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive. Cost is \$10 per person for residents and \$12 for non-residents. No partner is needed. Instructors are Kathy and Tom Skallutas. Call 887-1872 to register.

Zumba

A weekly Zumba class offered by the Sandown Recreation Department con-

tinues through August at the Edward C. Garvey Recreation Building, 25 Pheasant Run Drive on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Purchase any number of classes on a pre-paid punch card. Individual "punches" are \$9 per class. Find registration forms at www.sandown.us. Call the recreation office at 887-1872 for more information.

Seeley Beach

Sandown Recreation announces that Seeley Beach is open daily with lifeguard-supervised swimming from 9:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Feeding of water fowl is prohibited. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. No animals are allowed.

Water Country

Sandown Parks and Recreation has discount Water Country tickets available for \$29.99 per person. Tickets are good any day the park is open during the 2012 season. Give the recreation office 24 to 48 hours notice at 887-1872. Payment is by check or money order only and payable to Sandown Recreation.

Tie Dye Pillowcases

Sharpie Tie Dye Pillowcases or T-shirts is a craft offered for ages 7 through 10 at 3 p.m. July 19 at the Sandown Public Library. Bring in a white pillowcase or white T-shirt. for ages 7-10.

Cribbage Club

The Sandown Public Library offers a Cribbage Club at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. All levels of experience are welcome.

Preschool Story Hour

Preschoolers and their parents are invited to Tuesday Story Hour sessions at

9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library. Miss Jenn Dawley presents stories, songs, poems and crafts, with Skippy Jon Jones on July 24.

Chess Club

Sandown Public Library hosts its Chess Club with chess master Monty Cole on Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome, with no experience needed.

Dream Catchers, Photos

Beginning Monday, July 23, visitors to the Sandown Public Library can vote for their favorite dream catcher or night photograph on display. Prizes will be awarded to the entries with the most votes. All entries must be in the library by Saturday, July 21.

Cupcake Decorating

Cupcake decorating for ages 10 and up is offered at 2 p.m. Monday, July 23, at the Sandown Public Library.

Pajamarama

A Pajamarama and Stuffed Animal Sleepover for preschoolers through third graders is offered at the Sandown Public Library on Wednesday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. Bedtime stories will be read and a snack served, and children are invited to leave a stuffed animal for a "stuffed animal sleepover." Animals may be picked up the next day between 9 and 10:30 a.m., when doughnuts, fruit, and juice will be served.

Paranormal Activity

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Sandown Public Library, local paranormal investigation group North East Paranormal

Associates will share stories and pictures of the paranormal gathered during investigations. This program is for tweens and older.

Timberlane Youth Soccer

The non-profit Timberlane Youth Soccer League's online registration is open for the fall season. The season runs for eight weeks and begins Saturday, Sept. 8, and ends Saturday, Nov. 3. Registration is \$50 for U6-U12 divisions and \$65 for U14-U16. Registration ends Aug. 15. For more information, visit www.timberlaneyouthsoccer.org or call 382-3344. The program is for Sandown, Atkinson, Danville, and Plaistow. Coaches are needed.

Weekly Raffle

The Sandown Public Library offers a weekly raffle for six graders and up, with the winners announced every Saturday between noon and 1 p.m. Enter the raffle for each read book being returned.

Radio Control Planes

A Radio Control Airplane demonstration with brothers Tyler and Steven McCormack at Sandown Central Field takes place Monday, July 30, at 6 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Sandown Public Library.

Creatures of the Night

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